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SUBJECT: R/V ALPHA HELIX CLEARANCE REQUEST

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1. DEPARTMENT HAS INFORMED SCRIPPS OF ECUADORIAN
CLEARANCE RECEIVED REF A. INSTEAD OF MAKING FIRST LAND-
FALL AT BAQUERIZO MORENO AS HAS BEEN PAST PRACTICE FOR
SCRIPPS VESSELS, ALPHA HELIX WILL MAKE FIRST LANDFALL
AND PORT CALL AT BALTRA ON 19 JANUARY TO PICK UP
ECUADORIAN OBSERVER.

2. DEPARTMENT NOTES THAT CLEARANCE TRANSMITTED REF (A)
MAKES NO PROVISION FOR PORT CALL AT BALTRA DURING 26-27
JANUARY. THIS PORT CALL IS ESSENTIAL FOR THE CHANGE OF
RESEARCH PARTIES BETWEEN DR. HASCHEMEYER'S INVESTIGATIONS
AND DR. CHENG'S INVESTIGATIONS.

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3. REF (A) ALSO STATES THAT QUOTE ALPHA HELIX WILL MAKE
PORT CALLS AT BALTRA ON JANUARY 19 AND FEBRUARY 10 FOR
FUEL AND PROVISIONS UNQUOTE. ONLY PURPOSES FOR THREE
PORT CALLS AT BALTRA ARE TO PICK UP AND DISEMBARK
ECUADORIAN OBSERVER ON 19 JANUARY AND 10 FEBRUARY

RESPECTIVELY, AND TO CHANGE SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH PARTIES

DURING 26-27 JANUARY. CONTRARY TO PREVIOUS TRANSMISSIONS BY DEPARTMENT (REFS B AND C), SCRIPPS INSTITUTION DID NOT RETAIN AGENT TO HANDLE PORT CALLS AT BALTRA, AND FUEL AND PROVISIONS WILL NOT BE SOUGHT BY ALPHA HELIX AT BALTRA. DEPARTMENT REGRETS ANY INCONVENIENCE THIS MISUNDERSTANDING MAY HAVE CAUSED EMBASSY OR GOE.

4. POSSIBILITY EXISTS THAT COMPLETION OF DR. CHENG'S SCHEDULED WORK MAY REQUIRE ALPHA HELIX TO CONDUCT SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH THROUGH 11 FEBRUARY. IN SUCH EVENTUALITY, ALPHA HELIX WOULD MAKE FINAL PORT CALL AT BALTRA TO DISEMBARK ECUADORIAN OBSERVER ON 11 FEBRUARY.

5. EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO UPDATE OR CLARIFY THIS INFORMATION WITH ECUADORIAN AUTHORITIES. CHRISTOPHER

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